

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Buffalo Soldiers were formed by an Act of Congress published in General Order No. 56: War Department, Adjutant General Office on August 1, 1866; and,

Whereas, The Buffalo Soldiers are to be recognized for their sacrifice and valor in service to our country; and,

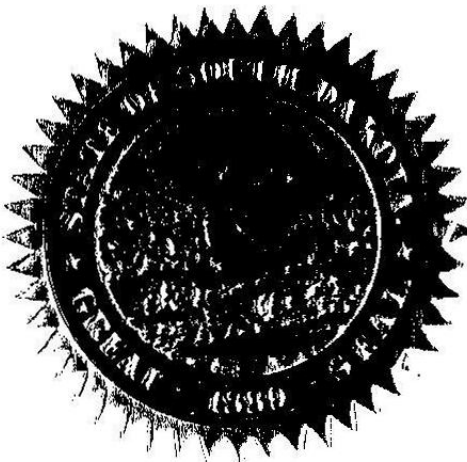
Whereas, The Buffalo Soldiers of the Dakotas unit was formed on March 1, 2009, for the purpose of bringing awareness to the Buffalo Soldier legacy, and to educate the public about the existence, history, and contributions of the United States Cavalry, Infantry, and Military Service consisting of African-American soldiers for their commitment and dedication to their country; and,

Whereas, The Buffalo Soldiers of the Dakotas will gather in our state to reconnect, keep the memories of their brave and courageous actions alive, and to pay tribute to those who are no longer with us:

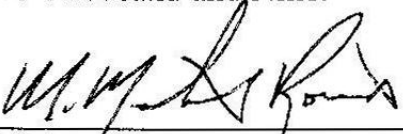
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2009, as

BUFFALO SOLDIERS OF THE DAKOTAS DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State